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1. UK Patent Application No. 2 346 239A, published August 2, 2000.
2. UK Patent Application No. 2 247 548A, published March 4, 1992.
3. European Patent Application No. 0 101 772, published March 7, 1984.
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,146,499, issued September 8, 1992, to Geffrotin.
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,951,249, issued August 21, 1990, to McClung et al.

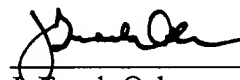
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